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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Secretary Shultz's Idea for Assessment of How to Live in a Proliferated World

At Bob Gates' request, convened a meeting this afternoon (chaired by of several DDI analysts to discuss approaches that might be taken on the subject. will report results to Gates who, in turn, will respond to the DCI's 5 November request to look into the matter. I suggested the following steps:

-- The DDI take on the task of "structuring" the "proliferated world," i.e., its time frame and the countries that will be presumed to have military capabilities and some descriptions of these, and

-- Someone like then be asked to draft a paper covering US security requirements and options in such a world.

something on how they may have gotten there.

-- Last step: draft to be reviewed and coordinated within the Community given the substantial equities in the assessment of the Departments of Defense and State.

The project could be well-suited for packaging and dissemination as an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum (IIM).

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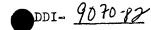
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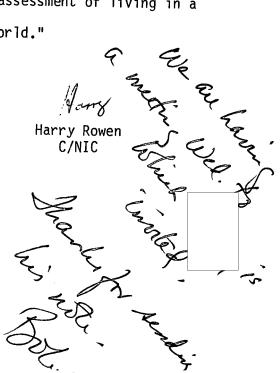
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

See _______note to me about the Director's reaction to Secretary Shultz's request for an assessment of living in a "proliferated world."



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NOTE FOR: Harry Rowen

Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: A Nuclear-Armed Crowd Revisited

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Thinking about life in a "proliferated" world has been a recurring intellectual enterprise (see, for example, the original "Life in a Nuclear Crowd," copyright 1976 by Henry Rowen) the results of which typically have been that such a world would be vastly more dangerous than today's world. These general conclusions are reached despite fundamental weaknesses and uncertainties in projections about what the world will look like and when. In any case, according to the attachment, Secretary Schultz has now requested that such a probe (proscribed in the Carter years) proceed anew (the DCI has asked Bob Gates to look into its desirability). Jack King sponsored some external work in has this area under included it in his ongoing work at the Recently, Dick Spier (formerly ACDA, now DoD) studied the problem at NDC in a NESA context. On the whole, I think something could be done along the lines of the Secretary's suggestion. But there will have to be careful attention to its key component: the structuring of the "proliferated world."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

How to Live in a Proliferated World

1. Out of today's luncheon with Secretary Shultz came the idea that we should undertake an assessment of How to Live in a Proliferated World--what would it be like, and what would our security requirements and options be in a world in which Argentina, Pakistan, South Korea, South Africa, India, Israel and whomever else you want to have a nuclear weapon. This would probably include questions of delivery systems, the likelihood of and the scenarios by which a further multiplicity of nuclear countries could develop, given the prospect that some countries will have the incentive to knock out its neighbor's nuclear capabilities before they are allowed to mature, etc.

2. Would you give some thought and consult around as you think appropriate so that we can talk about the desirability of this on my return and how to proceed.

William J. Casey